

**The Maine Farmer.**N. T. THURMAN, Editor.  
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Our Home, Our Country, and our Brother Man.

Something New upon an Old Subject.

We have several times alluded to the Bureau of Agriculture at Washington, and the management of its affairs by Commissioner Newton, and supposed we should not be called upon to speak of the matter again. But as things have recently taken a new turn, we regard it our duty to inform the readers of the Farmer of the present status of this most important question.

The voice of an indignant people expressed through the entire agricultural press, and the wishes of the State Agricultural Societies as evinced by the votes of thirteen of them, for the removal of the present Commissioner, have at last engaged the attention of some spirited members of Congress who are in sympathy with the farmers of the country, and accordingly a resolution was offered in the House some weeks since, requesting Mr. Newton to make an exhibit of all his receipts and expenditures.

After several weeks' delay in the preparation of his accounts to make them presentable, he issues a pamphlet of between forty and fifty pages. This we presume is not circulated among farmers through the Department, but we have received a copy from one of Mr. C.'s and so far as we have been able to extract any truth from his confused statements will furnish some items therefrom for the benefit of our readers. In the first place he starts with the sum of one million dollars, which he says he has drawn from the Treasury of the United States, \$1,000,000—only to show for it? If it is true that the Reports, Annual and Monthly are of value—it should be remembered that as the material for the Monthly reports is furnished gratuitously, and that for the Annual Volume costs but a small sum, and, as the printing of both is done at the Government Printing Office without charge to the Department—and at an additional cost of forty-five thousand dollars per annum—they cannot properly be included in this enormous sum of a million dollars. The expenditure of nearly \$200,000 during the first two years of his office, is given in gross, so that there is no knowing to whom, or for what, these large sums were paid. On the first of July, 1864, however, he commences to give his accounts in detail, and we propose from this to give our farmers some facts.

Somewhere near the Smithsonian Institution is an enclosure of less than twenty acres of land called "Government No. 2," belonging to the Government, which Mr. Newton was allowed to use as "experimental grounds," and for this Congress appropriated in 1863, \$50,000, and in 1864, \$8,000. Up to January 1st, 1865, however, not much more than half of it cultivated at that time in one year, \$1,353,221. This is something for our farmers to look and reflect upon. And what has been the result of this expenditure? Who has it benefited?

Here is another item which we have culled out of this storehouse of wonders. In the year ending June 30th, 1865, Mr. Newton bought, mostly from the quarter Quakers in Philadelphia, according to his account, garden seeds to the amount of \$28,740, and during the same time paid for putting up, labelling and packing these seeds, the modest sum of \$44,607. There is, however, one more notable item, and the most ridiculous of all. Every month through the year appears an item which, while to Isaac Newton, hire of horse, \$30; while, mingled elsewhere among other items, will be found regular charges for horse-keeping, to the amount of hundreds of dollars; so that it seems this compulsory public servant, this model American farmer, this head of American agriculture, has been charging the Government a dollar a day for the use—in all probability—of his horse, with keeping beside! He has charged for horse hire and horse-keeping, stabling, &c., nearly \$3,500 in three years and a half. Such an expenditure of public money, we venture to assert, unprecedented in the transactions of any public officer.

Now for all this enormous expenditure of half a million dollars, what has the head of the Bureau of Agriculture to show, or what benefit have the farmers received from it? The garden seeds distributed by the Department have been of the commonest kinds, the reports have been paid for outside of his department and his experimental gardens have benefited no one but himself and his immediate friends.

This wonderful "reply," however, of the distinguished statesman who presides over the Bureau of Agriculture, has excited the curiosity of some members of the House of Representatives, and it, and his conduct generally, have been referred to the Agricultural Committee to examine and report. Notwithstanding the almost frantic efforts of the interested friends of Mr. Newton to stave off and avoid this examination, we hope it will be an earnest and thoroughgoing one—and that after such an exhibition of his expenditure, and in view of the continued demands for his removal from every quarter, there will be no attempt at "whitewashing."

**Mr. Anderson's Devotee.**

We have received from John F. Anderson, Esq., Maplewood Farm, South Windham, his new catalogue (1866) of pure blood Devon cattle, with a choice flock of pure blood South Down sheep, and constantly open for the selection of those who wish to purchase. This catalogue comprises the names of six bulls, and twenty-six cows and heifers, all hereditary animals whose pedigrees are given in full. These are added, also, historical and practical notes regarding certain animals, with a list of prizes awarded, which renders the pamphlet of greater value. Mr. Anderson undertakes to direct his efforts especially to develop the milking properties in cows of this pure race, and his herd has long been considered by good judges to be second to no other in the country. We promise ourselves the pleasure of an early inspection of its members. Meanwhile, catalogues can be obtained of Mr. Anderson, who will execute all orders faithfully and promptly, the animals sold warranted as described, and delivered on board the boat or cars at Portland, and hay provided, free of charge.

**Keeping Crows from Corn.**

Many expedients have been adopted for keeping off the crows from the cornfield. We have adopted the plan of using gun powder, to run lines around the corn, and to use old rags hung in the corn. A few pieces will make the crows think some trap is set for them, and will keep them at a respectful distance. We think it is a more open civilized crows for the one of them to fly over a line stretched on the borders of a piece of corn.

**Notes from Our Copy Drawer.**

RECORD FROM GARDNER. (A Subscriber, Bowdoinham.) We have found the most remedy to be the generous application of soft grass, or of any kind, to the under of the cow, rubbing it well in. If one application does not prove sufficient it should be repeated.

**FLOWING LAND.**

We have in preparation an article upon this subject which will, we hope, afford the information desired by our correspondent who inquires in regard to it.

**CONTRACTOR.**

Mr. A. F. Stanley of Winthrop, furnishes us with a great letter regarding the error made in his article published in the Farmer of April 12th, but in the present crowded state of our columns are unable to give it in full. We copy an extract: "I have not the number of the Farmer which contains my article at hand, but I am very sure I wrote two hundred and ninety-nine quarts per day. I stated that eight quarts of her milk made one pound and a quarter of butter; therefore I believe I am correct in my calculation that this is the rate of one pound two ounces per day. (To be exact, one (1 lb. 2 oz.) or seven pounds fourteen ounces per day would be a fraction, seven pounds, fourteen and seven-eighths ounces.")

**MANURE FOR PEAS.**

(J. M. S., Bowdoinham.)

It is a great error in manuring any kind of fruit trees to apply manure for several years, until the trees have begun to show signs of exhaustion and decay, and then apply such large quantities that a rank phlegmatic growth is induced which hardly fails to be the victim of diseases. Yet this is an error that is too common among cultivators. The correct way is to apply a light dressing each year, in the autumn, care being taken to fork it in well around the extremities of the roots. Upon most soils this practice will be found necessary, unless the land is very rich. The best manure is that which is well decomposed, or what is better still, in a liquid form, as it then furnishes moisture and nutriment. The latter can be applied in small quantities several times during the summer without detriment to the tree or fruit.

See HIVE. A correspondent writes Mr. C. B. Colton to give directions for making his moveable combs.

BLACK KNOT. A subscriber gives the following as a remedy for black knot on plum trees, viz: Cut out the knots with a sharp knife, and apply kerosene to the wound. We commend the first part of the remedy, but have our doubts in regard to the value of the latter. A correspondent of the Boston Cultivator says from an experience of several years he is satisfied that iron trimmings from a machine shop, held into the ground about the trees—at least one quart to a tree—is a sure remedy. It is a tree that is easily tried.

A QUERIES FROM THE HIVE. Mr. O. A. Reading, of Milford, writes us as follows: "I have six Brahms pullets, and six White Dorkings, ten months old, also four common hens, which have averaged eight eggs per day, from Nov. till now. One of the hens, which was a fast trotter, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in April, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in May, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in June, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in July, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in August, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in September, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in October, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in November, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in December, 1865, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in January, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in February, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in March, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in April, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in May, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in June, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in July, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in August, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in September, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in October, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in November, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in December, 1866, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. in January, 1867, and 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## Foreign News.

**FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.**  
The steamer City of Paris from Liverpool 3d inst. arrived at New York on the 13th. Contrary to the rather general expectation, the British Ministry has refused to regard the close of the vote on the Reform Bill as equivalent to a victory, and the Gladstone announced in the House of Commons that the franchise bill for re-distribution of seats would be introduced on the 26th, so that both might be considered together.

In reply to an inquiry if the government would stand by the bill, he said, "as long as the bill stands, I will stand by it, and I will stand by it."

The Liberal party believe that the issue is now plain, and the Liberal members must now stand by the bill, and the Liberal members must now stand by the bill, and the Liberal members must now stand by the bill.

The German question continues warlike. The relations of Austria and Italy are decidedly menacing. Both governments are preparing for war. The Italian Parliament promptly voted authority to the government to raise means for defense of the country.

Popular meetings have been held at Naples in favor of government armaments, and universal armament is represented to the satisfaction of the Italian government. It is asserted that the Italian government has called out 150,000 men.

The Austrian force in Venice is estimated at 160,000. Austrian and Prussian relations show no improvement. Berlin dispatch talks of probable increase of armaments by Prussia.

Napoleon repaid at a special Council of Ministers on the 26th. Report says that the Emperor has decided to maintain the status quo in the Balkans, and that the Emperor has decided to maintain the status quo in the Balkans.

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A Berlin telegram says the reply of the Austrian government to the Russian ultimatum is to be made on the 26th, and states that Austria will withdraw its troops from the Prussian frontier, but will at the same time continue her armaments against Italy.

Prussian troops are said to have advanced nearer to the Russian frontier. Prussian troops are said to have advanced nearer to the Russian frontier. Prussian troops are said to have advanced nearer to the Russian frontier.

No immediate rupture between Austria and Prussia is expected, as Austria will submit her proposals to the Federal Diet, but affairs continue critical.

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**Probate Notices.**

**ENNEBEC COUNTY.** *Successors of the Probate Court at*  
*Augusta, on the fourth Monday of April, 1866.*  
Know all men, that the undersigned, *Judge of the Probate Court*  
*for the County of Ennebec, in the State of Maine,*  
in and to a *number of Probate Cases* in said County, docketed  
and docketed for allowance;  
and that he will receive and pay in said County, on or before  
the fourth Monday of May  
next ensuing, printed in *Augusta*, that all persons interested may  
appear, and be a *party* to said *cases*, and make *objections*, if any  
cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed.

**KENNEBEC COUNTY.**....In Probate Court at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of April, 1866.  
REUEL W. SANFORD, Guardian of Louisa J. Sanford and

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Richardson, late of Litchfield, in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may  
be apprised, that any who may have claims against the said  
estate, may, if they wish, the same should not be allowed.  
Attest: J. BRETHER, Register. H. K. BAKER, Judge. 21<sup>st</sup>

**ENNEBEC COUNTY, in Probate Court**  
*in Augusta, on the fourth Monday of August, 1866.*  
In the said Court, the will of the late WILLIAM H. HANNEY, late of  
John A. Hanney, late of China, in said County, deceased, having pre-  
sented for probate, and the same being proved to the satisfaction of  
the Court, and the same being read, and the same being approved  
for allowance:  
That notice thereof be given three weeks successively  
to the second Monday of May next, in the Maine Farmer,  
newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may  
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in the County of Kennebec, deceased, testate, and has under-  
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